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In re Patent Application of)

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For: OPTICAL FILTER HAVING FILTER)
LAYER CONTAINING INFRARED)
ABSORBING DYE AND)
ULTRAVIOLET ABSORBING AGENT)

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, applicant hereby submits the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of U.S. Patent No. 6,307,671 is enclosed.

The documents are being submitted within 3 months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later, therefore no fee or statement is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

The Examiner's attention is directed to copending application number 09/655,774 naming Yoshiharu Yabuki as inventor and filed on September 5, 2000, and U.S. Patent Application No. 09/759,297 naming Isao Ikuhara, Toru Harada and Takumi Ando as inventors and filed on January 15, 2001, a copy of which is enclosed.

RET In accordance with MPEP § 609(c)(2) (February 2000, page 600-107), the Office is requested to return a copy of this Information Disclosure Statement with the Examiner's initials adjacent to this paragraph indicating that this copending application has been considered. By citation to the copending application, confidentiality is not waived and the Office is requested to maintain the confidentiality of the copending application under 35 U.S.C. § 122.